

**Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians  
Natural Resource Commission  
4<sup>th</sup> Quarterly Report  
October – November - December 2019**



Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians  
Natural Resource Commissioners

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The Natural Resource Commission is continuing to work on the Great Lakes Consent Decree for 2020 attending Negotiation Meetings that are hosted by the 5 Tribes and the State of MI at various locations.

Meetings for 2020 Great Lakes Consent Decree negotiations have started with the first meeting being held October 10-11, 2019 in Lansing, MI. The 2020 Great Lakes Consent Decree negotiation meetings will be on a monthly basis at different locations throughout the State. The Schedule that has been set for the upcoming meetings:

October 31 – November 1, 2019 in Mt. Pleasant, MI  
November 21-22, 2-19 in Brimley, MI  
December 19-20, 2019 in Petoskey, MI

Attendees at the Tribal Talks meeting include Tribal Chairs, NRD Program Directors, Legal staff, NRD Commissioners and representatives for the State of MI. There are some very significant issues being discussed by the tribes to present their concerns on such issues.

The importance of the upcoming Great Lakes Consent Decree is a 20-year Decree and the current Decree will expire in 2020. There are many important changes that have had a great effect on LTBB Commercial Fishermen in the last 20 years that will need to be addressed in the upcoming 2020 Decree.

The Natural Resource Commission meetings held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month will have an Executive Session as needed for the 2020 Negotiations. The Executive Session for the 2020 Great Lakes Consent Decree negotiations will include discussion and review of what has taken place at the negotiation meetings. The Natural Resource Commission will prepare discussion items regarding the 2020 negotiations.

The Natural Resource Commission participation is very important for the commissioners to attend to prepare for the negotiations with the State of MI and the Feds.

### **LTBB Natural Resource Commission Meetings Attended:**

- October 9, 2019 Regular Scheduled Meeting
- October 10-11, 2020 - 2020 Negotiation Meeting – Lansing, MI
- October 23, 2019 Regular Scheduled Meeting
- October 24, 2019, CORA Meeting – LRB – Manistee, MI
- October 30-31, and November 1, 2019 - 2020 Negotiation Meeting – Mt. Pleasant, MI

- November 21-22, 2019 - 2020 Negotiation Meeting – Bay Mills, Brimley, MI
- December 5, 2019 – CORA Meeting – LTBB – Petoskey, MI
- December 11, 2019 Regular Scheduled Meeting
- December 19-20, 2019 2020 Negotiation Meeting – LTBB, Petoskey, MI

### **LTBB Natural Resource 2019 Elk Season**

The Natural Resource Department was issued 4 Elk Tags for the 2019 Season; 1 Either Sex (Bull or Cow) Tag and 3 Cow Tags. The LTBB NRD conducted a Mandatory Elk Orientation for successful LTBB Elk Applicants on December 6, 2019 and the season opened on December 7, 2019 thru December 15, 2019. All 4 Elk were successfully harvested within the first 5 days of the season.

### **LTBB Rules and Regulations**

- The commission has not received the approved LTBB Natural Resource Department Rules and Regulations for LTBB Reservation or Ceded Territory back from Tribal Council.

The Natural Resource Commission would like to thank Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Tribal Chair's Office for recommendation to Tribal Council for their appointments to the Natural Resource Commission.

